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Bridge view shows water everywhere and little bridge.

CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Figueiredo of Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday with a reception in the parish hall of the Church of the Green in Middleboro. About 200 friends and relatives from Boston, Middleboro, Marion and Mattapoisett attended

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WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Rochester Woman's Club was held at 8:00 P.M. March 13th at the club house.

Mrs. Clarence Perry presided. The invocation was read by Mrs. Perry, followed by the pledge to the Flag.

Chairman of the annual antique show and sale, Mrs. Bernice Hardy, reported that plans are progressing at a satisfactory pace.

Donations to the Heart Association and the American Red Cross were voted.

Through Mrs. Perry, the Selectmen of Rochester expressed their appreciation for the use of the club house on February 21st for the purpose of allowing Rochester residents to discuss articles on the Town Warrant.

Mrs. Margaret Benner, chairman, announced that all past members and friends are invited to attend the 40th anniversary party to be held on April 3rd at the club house.



A nominating committee comprised of Mrs. Barbara Hartley, Mrs. Ruth Davol and Mrs. Dorothy Buckman, was elected.

Subjects of the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Wesley Vokey, director of the Bristol County Health Association, were

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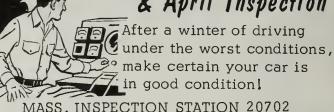
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out the work being done in the schools, as smoking is on the rise in this area. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. George Church was in charge of the program. Assisting Mrs. Fred Church with refreshments were Mrs. Ethel Gary, Miss Thelma Pratt and Mrs. Clifford Peirce.

LEGION BIRTHDAY



John Raphael and Gordon Allen are shown cutting the Florence Eastman Post birthday cake at the Sunday night supper at the Mattapoisett Post. The cake was made and given by Evelyn Pursley.

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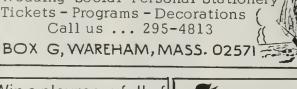


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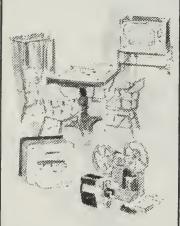
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Band, under the direction of Mr. John R. Pandolfi. The concert will be held at the Gilbert Bristol auditorium of the Old Rochester Regional High School, Route 6, Mattapoisett, on Sunday, March 31st, at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Pesco is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and has soloed with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, University of Rochester Chapel Choir and for the Eastman School of Music. He has also performed with the Opera Theater in Rochester and the Opera Under the Stars and with Eric Liensdorf at the Berkshire Music Center. Mr. Pesco teaches in the Rochester, New York, area and studies under Gerhardt Pechner of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York. In April he will sing in the oratorio "Elijah" in South Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Mr. Pesco will sing selections from opera, and semi-classical music for his performance with the Regional Symphonic Band. The band is playing a varied program of classical, popular and march tunes in the symphonic band repertoire.

Tickets will be available at the door.



The mighty Mattapoisett River all but covers the River Road. Sign on tree warns trespassers.



Grange

Past Subordinate Masters of Sippican Pomona were quests of Mattapoisett Grange last Thursday night. All officers' chairs were filled by these masters. The meeting was conducted by Gilbert Collins, past master of Acushnet Grange, Sippican Pomona and past State Deputy of the Massachusetts State Grange. Other past masters serving with him were Herbert LaFleur of Acushnet, overseer; Charles Westgate of West Wareham, lecturer; Elbridge Cleveland of O-Ne-Set Grange, steward; Clayton Westgate of Acushnet, assistant steward; June Westgate of Acushnet, lady assistant steward; Paul Ouellette of Rochester, chaplain; Lemuel LeBaron of Mattapoisett, treasurer; Jethro Ashley of Acushnet, secretary; Dexter Edgerly of Acushnet, gatekeeper; Phyllis King of Fairhaven, Ceres; Lillian Chauvin of South Carver, Pomona; Ann Cleveland of O-Ne-Set Grange, Flora; and Henry Howard of Fairhaven, Otto Kellish of Mattapoisett, and Manuel



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Louise Westgate of West Wareham, Lester
Pierce of Fairhaven, Mildred LeBaron of
Mattapoisett.

All again enjoyed the literary book characters with several new ones added, arranged by Olive Gifford. Books were awarded to Mrs. Lillian Chauvin of South Carver and Manuel Roderick of Fairhaven for identifying the most characters. Other enjoyable numbers on the program were a solo by Walter Caswell and violin selections by Lester Pierce with Walter Caswell, piano accompanist.

This fellowship of past Subordinate Masters in Sippican Pomona is the first to be held and was very much enjoyed. Every Grange in Sippican was represented.

During the business meeting it was announced that the Eastern Star Chapter will

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The grocery basket was awarded to Edith Johansen. The lecturer's march prize was won by Clayton Westgate.

Mrs. Margariet Vaughan was hostess for the social hour. The next meeting, April 4th, will be in charge of Earle Wilson.

50 YEARS A LEGIONNAIRE



Earle Wilson of Mattapoisett, center, is holding his 50-year membership pin which was presented to him by John Raphael at the Post supper. Gordon Allen, 10th district commander, is on the right.



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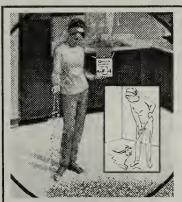
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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club met Thursday in the Congregational Church parish hall. The invocation was given by Mrs. Charles Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and singing of My Country 'Tis of Thee, Mrs. James Hinman, piano accompanist.

Mrs. Louis Corey, Jr., club president, presided over the business meeting. Contributions were made to the State Federation's Drama Scholarship Fund and to the Memorial Forest Fund. The club also voted to give \$350.00 to the Old Rochester Regional Scholarship Foundation. The motion was made and carried to adopt the revised bylaws as presented by Mrs. Albert Norlander.

Mrs. James Hinman, chairman of the nominating committee, read the following slate



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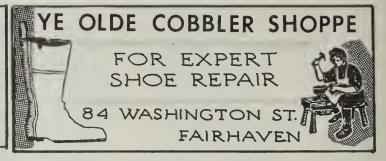
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of officers to be acted upon at the annual meeting in April: Mrs. Louis Corey, Jr., president; Mrs. Luen M. Johnson, first vice-president; Mrs. Clarence F. Fountain, second vice-president; Mrs. Albert Furnans,



Rub-a-dub-dub - two girls in a flood. Jane Buckley, left, and Ann Howrihan pole their craft around the front yard of the Morris' auction barn, normally not a lake.

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Mrs. Gertrude Fietz, Third District Safety chairman of the State Federation, gave a detailed report of their work this year.

Club members planning to attend the district meeting aboard the U.S.S. Massachusetts on April 2nd were reminded to make their reservations with Mrs. Luen M. John-

The guest speaker was Miss Charlotte Barker, fashion commentator and lecturer. Her talk on "How to Make the Most of Your Wardrobe" included seven golden rules to make the most of yourself.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. George O. Gardner and her committee. A white, yellow and purple mixed bouquet decorated the tea table where Mrs. Albert Furnans and Mrs. Archibald Lammey poured.

MEETING TO DISCUSS POACHING

Mattapoisett Selectmen, the herring inspector, members of the Conservation Committee and the police chief have been invited to a meeting this Thursday night at the Rochester Fire Station by the Rochester Conservation Committee. Officials of the towns of Rochester and Marion will also attend and meet the new State Fish and Game Warden, George W. Gannon who will discuss poaching and recommend that each

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PAPER DRIVE

The 6th grade Sunday School class of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will try again in their paper drive after being rained out one week ago. They apologize to those whose papers got wet in the downpour. This week, the drive will be on Saturday starting at 12. If you have a lot of paper please call Joan Darrah. This is a Lenten project.

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 30th, is the final day for registering or changing party enrolment for the forthcoming Presidential Primary on April 30th. The Town Clerk's office will be open this Saturday from 12 noon until 10:00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving such registrations or changes.





After 10:00 P.M. no names will be added to the voting list for that Primary.



REPORT

New Water Department Facilities

To the Citizens of Mattapoisett-

We realize how difficult it is for the average citizen to find time these days to acquaint himself with all articles in a Town Warrant prior to Town Meeting. Because of this we submit the following which may be considered supplementary to our report in the 1968 Annual Town Report.

This past year our job was a relatively easy one. We were charged with obtaining preliminary plans and estimates for the construction of new Water Department Facilities. Basically, all we had to do was convey to the Architect the size and intent of the building and where we recommend that it be located.

For the most part our leg work and field trips were made in previous years. As a result of these field trips we made our choice as to site location. You may recall, at last year's Town Meeting, we recommended the Water Department Facilities be located on Mendell Road on Town owned property presently occupied by the Highway Department.

Accompanying this article you will find reproductions of the Architects' drawings showing the building schematic and its proposed location in relation to the present Highway Department garage. We feel, of the six sites we visited, the one selected surpasses all others for the following reasons—

- 1. It is Town owned property. Of the other five sites two are privately owned and would have meant purchase of taxable property.
- 2. If located as recommended, there is ample space for trucks of any size, servicing either the Water or Highway Departments, to enter the yard and load and unload.
- 3. If located as recommended there is more than sufficient area for building expansion by both Departments.
- 4. The lot is two and one half acres in area more than enough to store material required by both Departments.
 - 5. Mother Nature has supplied natural shielding between the lot and nearby homes.
- 6. If the Town should decide to establish a Department of Public Works the two main functions of such a Department (Highway and Water) would be in one central location.
- 7. It is nearer the Pumping Stations and well fields than where the Water Department is now located on Church Street.

So much for site location. Now let's talk dollars.

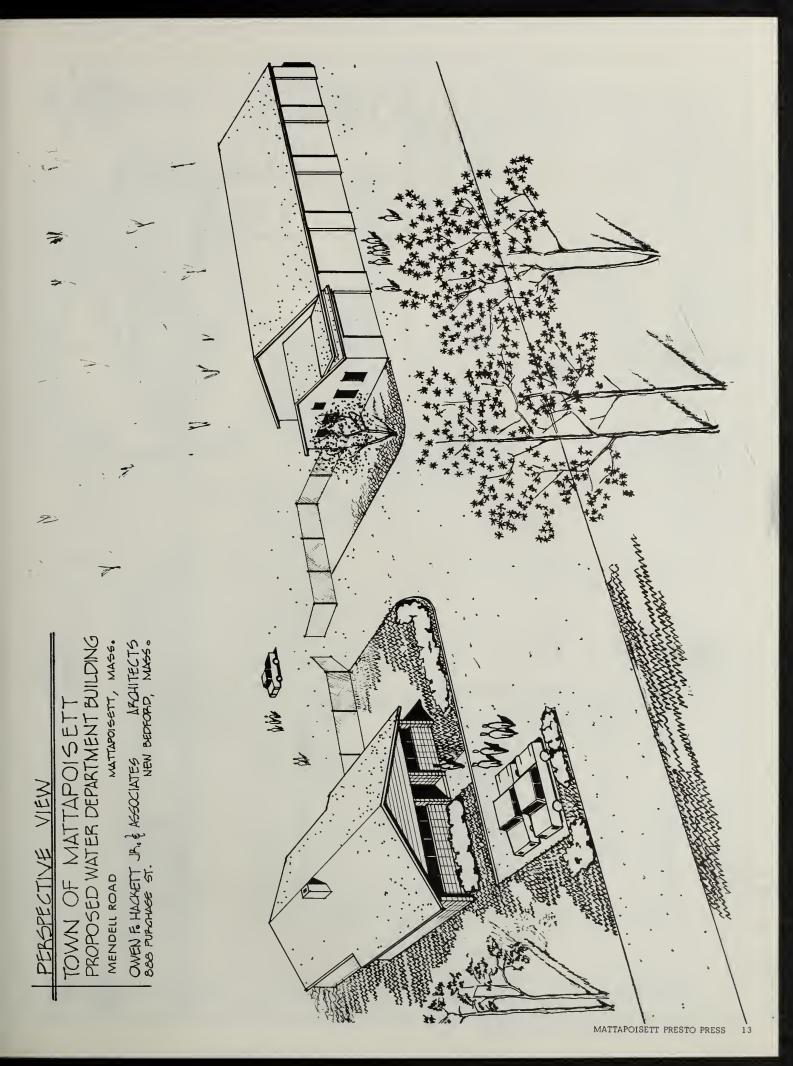
As you will note in our Annual Report the estimated cost of the proposed building is in the neighborhood of \$50,000. We feel this figure can and must be reduced and we state how we propose to do it.

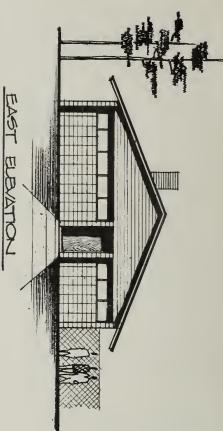
In Article 32 of the Town Warrant we request \$3300. for obtaining working drawings and specifications for the proposed building. This sum is based upon Architects' fees and costs for a \$50,000 project. After consulting with the Finance Committee it was agreed to reduce this figure to \$2500 which represents architects' fees and costs for a \$40,000 project

If we have answered here just one of your questions or have clarified just one point we will consider this "Supplementary" report justified.

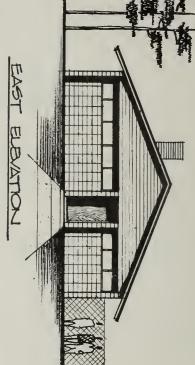
Thank You for your time.

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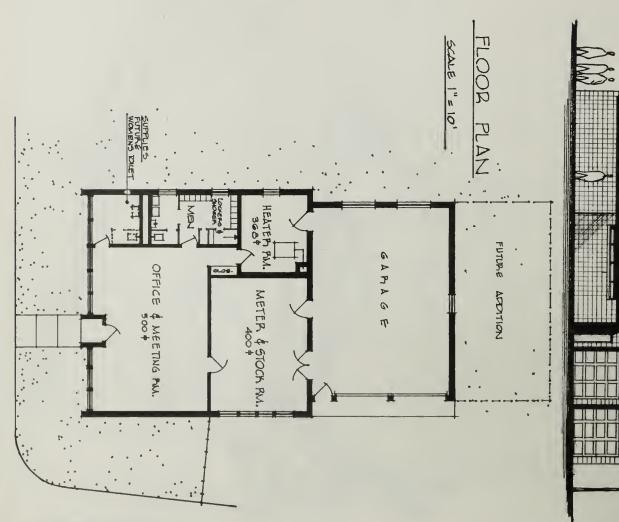


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"The Museum Crowd"

The Museum Crowd of the Fine Arts Group of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will consider "The World's 100 Most Beautiful Paintings" from collections here and abroad at the meeting to be held Wednesday morning, April 3rd, at the home of a new member of the group, Mrs. Franklin C. Simpson, Randall Lane. Tour chairman of the day will be Mrs. Albert Furnans, assisted by Miss Dorothy Fox. Miss Fox will highlight work of two women artists. Assistant to the hostess for the 10 o'clock coffee hour preceding the 10:30 program will be Mrs. David C. Moore.

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COUNTING THE COST - EDITORIAL

The failure of the Democratic administration of President Johnson is so evident that he is faced with 3 times as many opponents in his own party as now appear for the Republicans.

General Westmoreland says, "We are fighting a war of attrition." We fight not to gain ground but to kill more enemy than kill us. On this basis, the war is a mounting failure. It now costs one American life and 3/4 million dollars to kill 3 enemy. It cost



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This sacrifice is repugnant to those who value human life. It could continue for years because the Asians do not place the same value on life that we do.

Nothing less than a complete new leadership can change this strategy.

D.C.J.

Comedy to Benefit

WOMAN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR FILM

A comedy for the entire family entitled "The Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines" is being sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. The film will be shown on March 29th at 8 o'clock P.M. at Tabor Academy. Proceeds will go toward scholarships and awards for 1967-1968 for two pupils at Old Rochester Regional High Schoo and Tabor Academy. Let's get back of this worthwhile effort and support this scholarship movie and enjoy an evening of fine entertainment.

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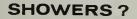
TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESTO PRESS:

One of the advantages of setting up the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission under Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, is to make the town eligible for state self-help funds for certain conservation projects, should the town ever be interested.

Some of the opponents of Article 39 which will be up for action at next week's town meeting argue that by accepting the provisions of the state law, the town will be giving up home rule.

This is a false assumption which has plagued the efforts of the town commission over the last two years to become operable on a more business-like basis under provisions of the state law.

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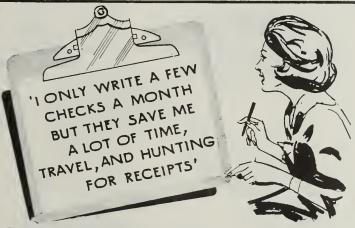
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It is only through the establishment of such a fund, to which state self-help monies would be added to finance certain conservation projects in town, that the home rule argument has any validity.

This is because through the use of state funds, the Commonwealth would be able to exercise some controls. For instance, state funds used to help purchase or even maintain beach areas would open up that area to any resident of the state. Likewise, the use of state self-help funds to acquire marshland would provide access to the shore in that area to any resident of the Commonwealth.

The Conservation Commission realized this after it unsuccessfully sought to establish a Conservation Fund three years ago. Last year and again this year, the Commission decided unanimously not to seek the establishment of such a Conservation Fund. Yet, the home rule argument continues to persist.

As long as town meeting voters exercise control over the Conservation Commission by holding the purse strings—and as long

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as the commission continues to attract dedicated members who are putting the town's interest first--there is little to fear about losing home rule and I challenge anyone to prove otherwise.

Bradford A. Hathaway

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

Chairman

EDITORIAL

As a person very much interested in conserving the beauty and the natural resources of Mattapoisett, I am much in sympathy with the Conservation Commission and value the members who give their time in the local conservation effort. In the foregoing letter, Mr. Bradford Hathaway explains the danger of state control of town conservation should they become involved. I voted against changing the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission to function under the Chapter 40, Sec. 8C for this very reason. I'll vote against it again for the same reason.

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission has accomplished a lot. Each time the members have come to the Town Meeting for funds for a purchase, they have never been denied. As far as I know, the Commission has suffered in no way by remaining under the direct control of the Selectmen and the people of the Town.

The main reason to seek this change is to attract State funds for some big project. This means, as Mr. Hathaway points out, the State will regulate any beach, or land, either purchased or even maintained with such funds.

I sincerely believe that it is possible for

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the Conservation Commission to function, in a businesslike way, just exactly as it is now. I believe the townspeople can be trusted to continue to vote the funds for any project which will preserve the natural beauty of the shore and wild land. I believe that the control of such effort should be retained by the people of the town at the Town Meeting.

I'm afraid that I can't agree that there is little to fear about losing home rule. We have seen it eroded until it is almost completely gone.

Donald C. Jason

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Junior Grange

The Mattapoisett Junior Grange held its bi-monthly meeting last Friday night with the worthy master, Mark Harris, presiding.

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Reports were given by all chairmen. Kim McCartin was report ill. Guests were present from Fairhaven and Easton.

The next Junior meeting will be April 12th and will be Neighbors' Night, with Juniors from Watuppa, Fairhaven and Pocasset Granges invited.

Refreshments were served by Jane and Christine Carson. A cookie sale was held by Jane Buckley for the Home and Community Service committee. Members are asked to bring homemade candy for the April meet-



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The boys, 50 in number, have been given basic instruction in basketball fundamentals for the past twelve Saturday mornings. The Old Rochester gymnasium has been the scene of calisthenics, drills, scrimmages and intra-squad games culminating in the selection of junior and senior all-star squads which have participated with great success in local tournaments.

Saturday's program will be a typical one permitting the boys to demonstrate their improved skills. It will be concluded with the presentation of a trophy to the most improved play in the Junior and the Senior Divisions.

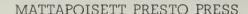
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ings and flower motifs were admired as were Mrs. Brown's abstracts done in oils. The show runs until April 3rd.

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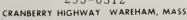
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GIRL SCOUT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

A meeting of the Mattapoisett Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts is scheduled for Thursday morning, March 28th, at the home of Mrs. George Silsby, 14 North Street, Mattapoisett. Leaders and troop committee members of Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior troops are urged to attend.

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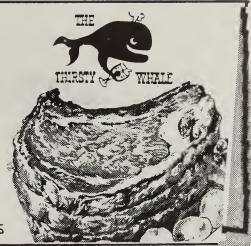
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